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Examiner: David T. Fidei
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SECOND AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above application as follows:

In the Drawings

Please enter the attached formal drawings.

REMARKS

The Final Office Action dated April 19, 2002 has been reviewed. Applicant concurs with the allowance of Claims 3 through 7, as amended. Formal drawings are submitted in response to the paragraph 1 notification requirement.

Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's rejection of Claims 1 and 2, as amended, under 35 USC 102 on the grounds that "Nowhere does applicant use the words "non-transmitting heat" nor do they make it clear the liner is only to be a "non-transmitting heat" liner. The Examiner's statement that applicant is now urging something different than what was originally put in the specification to describe the meets and bounds of the claims subject matter to avoid prior art is not correct. Applicant has specified from the inception an iron cover having a "non-transmitting heat resistant" liner throughout the claims and specification. See for example:

1. The second line of claim 1 refers to "a non-transmitting heat resistant liner"
2. The second line of allowed Claim 3 refers to "a non-transmitting heat resistant liner"
3. The second line of allowed Claim 5 refers to "a flexible non-transmitting heat resistant liner"

4. The fifth line of the last paragraph on page 7 of the Specification states, "It [the iron cover] also prevents direct transmission of heat from the iron, and allows hot irons to gradually cool during storage.